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REF RICHMOND (DES/SCI/BMP)/O'SHEA AND
GRANT/PORTER TELECONS, MARCH 26

1. PER REF TELECONS AMBASSADOR CONVEYED U.S. SUPPORT
FOR DRURY AS CHAIRMAN SUBJECT MEETING TO EXTAFF
UNDER SECRETARY BASIL ROBINSON AND ECON COUNSELOR RAISED
MATTER WITH PAM McDougall, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ECONOMIC
AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BUREAU AND NEIL HAFFEY, DIRECTOR,
SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF EXTAFF. ALL EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR DRURY AND INDICATED
OUR VIEWS WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

2. THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 27, HAFFEY INFORMED EMBASSY
THAT AFTER MUCH "TO-ING AND FRO-ING," GOC HAD DECIDED
THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH FINALDN HAS FORMALLY
NOMINATED A CANDIDATE, GOC WILL NOT REPEAT NOT "LAUNCH
A CAMPAIGN" FOR DRURY. IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE BEFORE
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MEETING IN JUNE OR THERE IS GROUNDSWELL FROM OTHERS

DEMANDING THAT DRURY SHOULD BE CHAIRMAN, DRURY WOULD
BE PREPARED TO SERVE BUT GOC WILL NOT TAKE INITIATIVE.
GOC MISSION TO OECD IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SO INFORM
SECRETARY GENERAL AND INTERESTED MISSIONS.

3. HAFFEY SAID BASIC REASON FOR GOC DECISION IS FACT
THAT FINLAND IS VERY KEEN TO HAVE ITS NOMINEE SELECTED
AND ATTACHES GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO OUTCOME.
CANADA DOES NOT ATTACH SUCH POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO
MATTER AND DOES NOT WANT TO GET INTO CONFRONTATION
WITH FINNS.

4. HAFFEY VOLUNTEERED THAT "READOUT" FROM GOC MISSION
TO OECD IS THAT FINNISH CANDIDATE, THE MINISTER OF
EDUCATION, INCLUDES SCIENCE IN HIS PORTFOLIO, AND
ALTHOUGH YOUNG IS VERY ABLE INDIVIDUAL. NEVERTHELESS,
IT IS GENERALLY AGREED HE MAY BE OUT OF HIS LEAGUE
WITH OTHER SCIENCE MINISTERS.

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